

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 7 with the following amended claim 7:

C2 7. (Twice Amended) A method for the treatment of focal cerebral ischemic infarction by administering to an animal or a patient at least one α 2-antiplasmin neutralizing compound in an effective amount that significantly reduces the size of a cerebral ischemic infarct.

Cancel claims 8-11.

Please add new claim 15 as follows:

C3 --15. The method of claim 14, wherein the at least one α 2-antiplasmin neutralizing compound is administered intracranially.--